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Columbia names dean of faculty

D. Cameron Murchison, Jr.

AT ITS MARCH meeting, Columbia Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees elected D. Cameron Murchison, Jr. as dean of faculty and executive vice president. He will begin his new duties on July 1.

A pastor, church leader, and teacher-scholar, Murchison came to Columbia in 1996 as professor of ministry. Prior to joining Columbia's faculty, he was pastor of the Blacksburg, Virginia, Presbyterian Church for eight years. He has served as pastor of four other Presbyterian churches in Virginia and one in Tennessee.

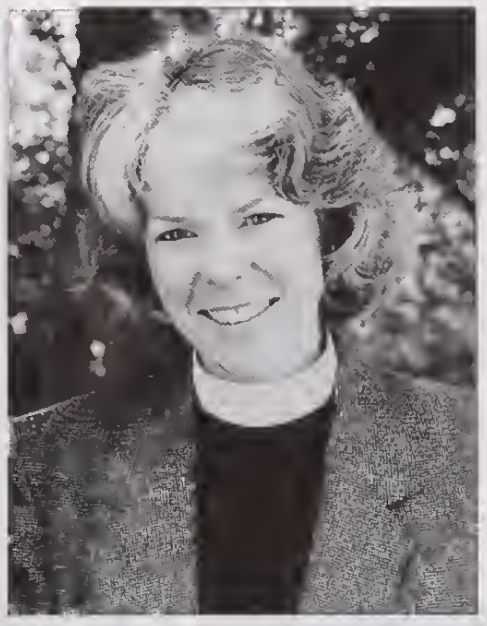
His service to the Presbyterian Church (USA) includes work as a member of the General Assembly Council and the Advisory Council on Church and Society and as chair of the Catholicity and Global Mission of the Church Task Force. He also served on the Committee on Nature and Value of Human Life for the Council on Theology and Culture for the Presbyterian Church (US).

Murchison will continue to teach on an occasional basis at Columbia. He has been on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia as professor of pastoral theology and education and also director of continuing education.

He holds the Ph.D. and M.Phil. degrees from Yale University, the B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and the B.A. from Rhodes College.

Commenting on his appointment, Columbia's President Laura Mendenhall said, "After a national search, we found our dean within our own faculty. Cam Murchison is uniquely gifted to help us carry out the vision of this seminary. His administrative gifts, his understanding of the importance of teaching, his knowledge of Columbia and other seminaries, his trustworthiness and personal integrity, and his commitment to the life and mission of the church are among those qualities which led the committee to nominate Cam Murchison as dean of faculty." □

Emmanuel Lartey



Barbara Brown Taylor

Two distinguished professors elected

COLUMBIA'S BOARD OF Trustees has elected two distinguished new professors—Emmanuel Lartey in pastoral care and counseling and Barbara Brown Taylor in Christian spirituality.

Currently president of the International Council on Pastoral Care and Counseling, Emmanuel Lartey will join the faculty this fall as professor. He has most recently been senior lecturer in pastoral theology and pastoral care and director of graduate studies, Department of Theology at the University of Birmingham, England.

A native of Ghana, Lartey received his theological education at Trinity Theological Seminary in Legon, Ghana. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Birmingham in 1984, he returned to Ghana where he taught at Trinity and at the University of Ghana.

In 1989 he joined the faculty of the University of Birmingham, where he became a senior lecturer in 1997. As a pastor, he has been deeply involved in the life of the church. Lartey has served also as an external examiner in theology for the universities of Edinburgh, Oxford, and Manchester.

Lartey has published widely. His most recent book, *In Living Colour: An Intercultural Approach to Pastoral Care and Counselling*, points to his special interest in the church's pastoral care of people living in a multicultural world. Professor Rod Hunter of Emory University, co-editor with Columbia Professor Emeritus John Patton of the *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, says, "Emmanuel Lartey is one of the world's leading figures on intercultural pastoral care. He is thoroughly conversant with the issues of pastoral care and counseling in the U.S. and is working on one of the cutting edges of our field."

Lartey will be a great help to the Columbia faculty as it seeks to prepare and nurture ministers for the early decades of the twenty-first century—ministers who will have responsibility for pastoral care and counseling of persons in the midst of the great cultural and demographic shifts taking place in the U.S. The Board's election of Professor Lartey is both a recognition of those challenges before the ministry of the church and a bold response to them.

Barbara Brown Taylor is well known as one of the most distinguished preachers in the U.S. and as an author whose books address the spiritual crisis that marks contemporary life. Through an agreement with Piedmont College in north Georgia where she teaches, Taylor will serve at Columbia in an adjunct capacity as distinguished professor of Christian spirituality.

A graduate of Emory and Yale universities, Taylor has for the last decade been a preacher in great demand. She has been a teacher of preaching at a number of theological schools and conferences and has delivered, among other lectures, the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale and the Franklin S. Hickman Lectures at Duke University. Her latest book, *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*, addresses the spiritual hunger of many people today. In the book, she seeks to explore "sin, damnation, repentance, penance, and salvation"—a "cluster of words that seem to be hard for many people to pronounce, especially in twenty-first century North America." She is interested, however, in the human experiences that underlie these words and the ways they can lead us to the experience of God's grace.

Taylor's work at Columbia, beginning in 2002, will focus on the Doctor of Ministry program and continuing education events for pastors. With a teaching team of Columbia faculty, she will address both the spiritual life of pastors and the ways pastors nurture the spiritual life of congregations. Columbia's certificate program in Christian Spirituality, under the leadership of Julie Johnson (D.Min. '98), will have new responsibilities for Master of Divinity students. The Board's call of Professor Taylor thus represents a deepening commitment to nurturing what earlier generations called Christian piety.

Taylor will be building on the pioneer work of Professor Emeritus Ben Johnson, who founded Columbia's Spirituality Program in 1995. □

Erskine Clarke '66
Professor of American Religious History and Acting Dean of the Faculty

Inaugural reflections

Laura S. Mendenhall, President

The president's family: Matt, Maury, Laura, and Chuck Mendenhall

BLOWING ACROSS THE bow of this strong school of the church, the wind of God's Spirit continues to fill the sails of Columbia Theological Seminary as it moves into the twenty-first century. An inauguration is a time to watch again for new breezes which may encircle and carry us further into the service of God's mission. The community of Columbia Seminary proved itself open to the wind of the Spirit this spring.

I knew we took a risk having the inauguration outside. I wanted to invite people to this campus because I believe something special happens here where we study and pray and live together. Columbia Seminary nurtures leaders and pastors for the church by teaching in the context of a faith community. Our work is not confined to the classroom nor to this campus. We teach in local congregations, in hospitals, on Atlanta streets, in housing developments, at the state capital, and in countries around the world. However, the impetus for such learning comes from working and worshipping and breaking bread together here on this campus. Therefore, I wanted to hold the inauguration in this place so that people who had never before been to Columbia might experience the kind of nurturing for leadership which goes on here. The only place big enough to hold 500 people was the Oldenburg Quadrangle. It was a risk, but white chairs were set out on the green lawn as the community prepared itself to deal with the wind of the Spirit.

As guests arrived from far and near, they were delighted with the beauty of the campus and the southern hospitality as the piper gathered them for worship on Tuesday morning, April 24. The service of worship was led by two choirs and a brass ensemble. The choir from Central Korean Presbyterian Church in Chamblee was accompanied by violinists. The 50-voice Interdenominational Theological Center choir had the crowds moving with them as they sang African-American spirituals, with Columbia students singing with both choirs. These voices of the church were joined by others. Ashley Seaman '01, member of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee, read scripture. Syngman Rhee, moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA), preached God's Word of reconciliation.

Joanna Adams '79, Board of Trustees chair, and Joe Harvard '66, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, conducted the installation. Greetings were brought from Mary Brown Bullock, president of Agnes Scott College, on behalf of the academic community; from Harold Augustus, resident of the Night Shelter at Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, on behalf of the city of Atlanta; from Jeremy Senterfitt, 18-year-old elder from First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, on behalf of the PC(USA) present and future; from Dan Aleshire, executive director of the Association of Theological Schools, on behalf of theological institutions; and from David Gathanju (Th.M. '01), director of theological education by extension at Presbyterian College, Kikuyu, Kenya, on behalf of the global community. Former presidents Ben Kline, Davison Philips '43, and Doug Oldenburg presented the symbols of office—Bible, chalice, bread—as Columbia students sang a hymn written for the occasion by Professor Brian Wren. I was charged by Joanna Adams for the Board of Trustees, Erskine Clarke '66 for the faculty, and Bobby Williamson '01 for the students. This chorus of voices from the whole church proclaimed that Columbia seeks to nurture leaders for the church in this new century through shared leadership—lay and clergy, men and women, young and old, a diversity of economic classes, races, nations. And the wind of the Spirit moved among us, unable to be contained or controlled, knocking over flowers, but welcomed by those open to the new thing that God might be doing in our midst.

Despite predictions of rain, the sky was a clear blue and the sun shone brilliantly. The winds held the rains over Birmingham until we had finished the service and enjoyed a bounteous lunch on the lawn. It looked very much like a family reunion with some cousins meeting one another for the first time. By 2:00 p.m. we were all indoors at Columbia Presbyterian Church when the winds brought the blessing of rain from the heavens. During the brief shower, Ofelia Ortega, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Mantanzas, Cuba; Robert Franklin, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center; Bill Arnold '66, former professor and now pastor to senior adults at the Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Church; and Dan Aleshire discussed how the seminary might best nurture church leaders for the church in this century. The conversation was lively and inspirational and led to smaller workshops as we considered how to engage congregations biblically, theologically, and prophetically, proclaiming the full extent of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The whole church sharing the whole Gospel in the whole world became the message of the inaugural event, which concluded the following day after a magnificent production Tuesday night by Columbia students on "Columbia through the Years." Students wrote, produced, and acted in this musical drama which began with the words of seminary leaders in the earliest days in Columbia, South Carolina, and ended with the words of the Campbell Scholars from the fall of 2000, words calling us into "Mission as Hope in Action."

After workshops Wednesday morning, participants met for worship, led by the words of Professor Walter Brueggemann, who preached from I Kings 19:19-21, II Kings 2:9-15, Luke 9:59-62. Walter preached out of the work of the Campbell Scholars, envisioning God's appointment of Columbia Seminary for the coming days of mission. As Elisha tested his call with the mantle, embraced his tradition with a kiss, lavished his endowment on the future, he received a double portion of Elijah's spirit, which propelled him into mission with a newness that the world had not yet imagined. Since Jesus' word was even more radical, Walter proclaimed that it will be difficult to measure the gift of the Spirit about to be given to us. What we know is that we can expect a double portion of God's Spirit and that this will be more than enough to nurture leaders for the twenty-first-century church.

We saw at the inauguration a community welcoming the wind of the Holy Spirit, engaging in significant issues regarding Christ's mission, and committed to nurturing leaders for the church that we might be faithful stewards of God's mysteries and equip the saints for ministry to the glory of God's holy name. Thanks be to God for vision and courage. □

Shirley Guthrie, professor emeritus of theology, Margit Ernst, instructor of theology, and Eberhard Busch were the teaching team for the spring semester course, "The Life and Work of Karl Barth." Busch is professor of Reformed theology at the University of Göttingen, Germany, and author of the biography on Barth. For the past 15 years, he has held the chair at Göttingen which Barth held in the 1920s.

Degrees awarded to 108 students at Columbia's commencement

COLUMBIA'S 108 GRADUATES received a standing ovation from the families and well wishers who filled both levels of Peachtree Presbyterian Church for the seminary's commencement service on May 19.

Celebrations the previous day included a chapel service led by graduating seniors, a picnic on the quadrangle, and a Baccalaureate service at Decatur Presbyterian Church which was conducted by faculty, administration, and students.

Professor Emeritus Shirley Guthrie preached the sermon, "The Alpha and the Omega," based on Revelation 1:4-8. Guthrie described the tension he has experienced between the two types of churches he has encountered in his years as a teacher and minister: those that rely on God and those that look to themselves. "We have to decide whether we want to serve God or if our interest is in what God will do for us." Quoting Karl Barth, Guthrie concluded that the task of the church is to discern what the living, triune God is doing in our time.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, David Cozad, board secretary, wished the graduates "God's richest blessings," and conferred 46 Doctor of Ministry degrees, eight Master of Theology degrees, 51 Master of Divinity degrees, and three Master of Arts degrees.

Acting Dean of Faculty and Professor of American Religious History Erskine Clarke '66 presided over the recognition of students for awards, honors, and fellowships.

The Wilds Book Prize, for the highest distinction in academic achievement throughout the entire M.Div. program, was awarded to Jane Fahey.

Kate Foster Connors received the Columbia Leadership Award, given for outstanding skills in church leadership. She and her husband, Andrew, jointly were awarded the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Andrew Preaching Award.

The George and Sally Telford Award for congregational leadership in the areas of social justice and church vision was given to D.Min. graduate Joseph Cordero.

The Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship, honoring the graduate who has demonstrated the greatest academic promise for further graduate study, went to Bobby Williamson, who also received the Ludwig Richard Max Dewitz Old Testament Studies Award and the Paul T. Fuhrmann Book Prize in Church History.

The Columbia Graduate Fellowships, to assist students of promise pursuing further study, were given to Anne H.K. Apple and Tim Reynolds. Ashley Seaman received the Columbia Friendship Circle Graduate Fellowship to aid in further study and to recognize her superior academic achievements. The Emma Gaillard Boyce Graduate Fellowship was awarded to Amy Lehr.

Gyeong Mok Kim (Th.M. '95), pictured here with his family, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia on May 19. He is pastor of the Auburn, Alabama, Korean Presbyterian Church.

The William Dudley Award Fund was conferred jointly upon Adam Flynt and Blaine Hill for their demonstrated commitment to church growth and evangelism.

Joe Albright received the Harold J. Riddle Memorial Book Award, Columbia's highest honor in the field of pastoral care.

The James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Book Fund Award was given to Dorris Barton, Betsy Flory, and Barbara Jordan, considered to be good stewards of theological libraries.

Graduates recessed to the Columbia hymn, "Praise Ye, Praise Ye the Lord," and gathered at the front steps of the church for pictures and to greet friends and family. A sudden rain shower did not dampen the joyful festivities or the celebration of the class of 2001 but merely hastened them inside to the reception hosted, for the thirteenth year, by Peachtree Presbyterian Church.

A full listing of graduates' dissertation topics and placements will appear in the next issue of *Vantage*. □

David Daulr (MATS) '02

John H. Patton

Patton retires: 37-year career

IN A CAREER that has spanned four decades and touched countless lives and numerous institutions, John Patton is among the world's foremost leaders in pastoral theology. The life and work of John Hull Patton were celebrated with a festive dinner at Columbia on May 9. The evening was highlighted by remarks from a number of his colleagues, including long-time associates Rod Hunter, professor of pastoral theology at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and Jasper Keith (STD '79), professor emeritus and pastor of Decatur Presbyterian Church. The high "note" of the evening was Patton's response, in which he played his saxophone in a variation on a theme of "name that tune." The event was full of laughter, tributes, and heartfelt appreciation for his years of service at Columbia.

Columbia's association with Patton goes back to 1964, when he joined the faculty as an adjunct professor. During the next 25 years he was associated with the Georgia Association for Pastoral Care, serving as director of pastoral counseling and, from 1970-1989, as executive director. Patton joined the faculty at Columbia full-time in 1990, where he has directed the Doctor of Theology program in pastoral counseling, jointly sponsored by the Atlanta Theological Association.

The influence of Patton's life and work is profound, and nowhere is this more true than in Atlanta and the Southeast. Patton, along with Tom McDill, who taught at Columbia from 1951 to 1979, and Chuck Gerkin, was responsible early on for Atlanta's becoming perhaps the premier center for training in clinical pastoral education and counseling. Moreover, through his written work, Patton has produced a remarkably rich and seminal oeuvre whose legacy has been—and continues to be—far reaching. As Rod Hunter said in his remarks, "John has shown us, as much or more than any other pastoral theologian, what it means to be a clinically informed pastoral theologian in the full theological sense of that term, as originally proposed by his great teacher...Seward Hiltner...John thinks theologically in the caregiving context." Patton, along with Hunter, Liston Mills, and Newton Maloney, edited the *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*. The *Dictionary* arguably represents the coming of age of pastoral theology and counseling as a discipline in its own right.

Patton has clearly demonstrated to two generations of specialists and theologians that pastoral theology can be a truly theological, reflective discipline from within the context of pastoral practice. Patton's conception of pastoral counseling as a "meeting of persons" through empathic, compassionate, and accountable relationship, rather than as primarily a solving of problems, is both psychologically and religiously profound. In this day and age of managed care and the marketplace of shallow, psychological fix-it therapies, it is much needed and prophetic. "The central act of caring," he writes, "is not problem solving. It is hearing and remembering in relationship...[that] human problems are the contextual background for the more important task of care." (*Pastoral Care in Context*, p. 40).

Rod Hunter noted that this most recent book is already a widely cited classic in the field. In developing the notion of the "communal-contextual paradigm," Patton has, Hunter suggested, "outlined a shift from individual caregiving to communal practices of care, from clergy as specialists and laity as generalists, to clergy as generalists and laity as the true specialists; to a conception of ministry as a form of peer consultation and empowerment rather than hierarchical supervision and power."

Thankfully for those of us who teach, see clients, and work in and with churches, John will continue to supervise, write, and teach. And so the work of this most quintessential and eminent of pastoral theologians will continue. Integrity and care have been the essential features of John Patton's life and work. Indeed, these virtues have been the context of care out of which he has engaged his students, counseling clients, and colleagues. The integrity and care of his work will continue to stimulate and challenge the field of pastoral theology for generations to come, as has the work of his mentor Seward Hiltner, upon whose legacy Patton has built. It is now up to us to "hear" and to "remember" his extraordinary legacy to the church and to our ministry and life together. □

J. William Harkins
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care

Continuing Education and Lay Institute Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write:
The Office of Continuing Education, or
Richard S. Dietrich, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031 / 404-378-8821.

September 17-18 JAVA OR JESUS: THE CHOICE FOR GENERATION X Focus on ministry to young adults. Leader: Rodger Nishioka. Cost: $100.

September 24-25 CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE MISSIONAL CHURCH, PART III Third in a series on understanding a theology of the church in our North American context. Leaders: Lois Barrett and Darrell Guder. Cost: $160.

October 2, November 6, December 4, January 1, February 5, March 5 THEOLOGY AND LITERATURE Leader: Rick Dietrich. Cost: $10 annual dues.

October 8-10 RESERVOIRS FOR WRITING, PREACHING, AND LITURGY Think, imagine, read, and write about prayer, praise, and preaching. Leader: Richard Ward. Cost: $140.

October 15 THE POWER CONNECTION: GETTING THINGS DONE IN POLITICAL SYSTEMS How can one be faithful and effective in political systems? Leader: Jim Watkins. Cost: $65.

October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19 FAITH AND FILM Leader: Fritz Bogar. Cost: $10 annual dues.

October 22-26 CLERGY SELF-ASSESSMENT Explore and examine the strengths and liabilities you bring to ministry. Leader: Roy Oswald. Cost: $275.

November 5 ADVENT LECTIONARY STUDY New ways to prepare texts of "watchfulness and waiting." Leaders: Charles Cousar and Christine Yoder. Cost: $65.

November 5-9 GUTHRIE SCHOLARS WEEK For pastors seeking a week of independent study.

November 12 CALLED TO CARE: OLDER ADULTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THE CHURCH Third in the series on aging. Leader: Elizabeth Fairleigh. Cost: $65.

January 14-18 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: THEORY AND PRACTICE (CE Certification) A course on teaching and learning the faith. Leader: Ted Brelsford. Cost: $250.

February 7 GRIEF THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE Leader: Kenneth J. Doka. Cost: $65.

Mark your calendar for evening and morning fall lay courses

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for a diversity of lay school courses this fall, designed to appeal to a wide range of biblical interests and daily life concerns.

Course topics for the first session of evening lay school (Mondays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8) include: finding Christian truth in the narrative imagination of C. S. Lewis' children's literature; understanding why we are called Christians; and exploring what keeps Torah lively and contemporary.

The second session of evening lay school (Mondays, October 22, 29, November 5, 12) will include how the "end is near" theology of the New Testament can shape our day-to-day living, and the power of Christian friendships, as well as a course topic to be determined.

The first session of morning lay school (Thursdays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18) will address the Word behind the words, the authority and interpretation of scripture.

The second session of morning lay school (Thursdays, October 25, November 1, 8, 15) will explore how scripture draws on our five senses to enrich our relationships with God and each other.

Brochures and registration forms will be mailed in late summer. To be added to the Lay Institute's mailing list, call 404/687-4577, or visit the Lay Institute's web page at www.CTSnet.edu (Outreach Programs/Lay Institute). □

Summer Lay Scholars meet

TASTE AND SEE: An Introduction to the Old Testament is the theme of this year's Summer Lay Scholars program, August 6-10, a time for immersion in the literature, wisdom, and culture of the Old Testament. The course includes morning devotions and class study, afternoon experiential forays, evening activities, interaction with faculty, opportunities to relax, and time to explore Atlanta.

With Columbia faculty members Kathleen O'Connor and Christine Roy Yoder, students will explore the theology and the historical and cultural contexts of Old Testament narratives. "We will consider how these texts inform our Christian faith, life, and mission," Yoder says, "that is, how they may shape our day-to-day living as individuals and communities of faith."

Participants are encouraged to stay in on-campus housing; use of the seminary library is included. Tuition, room, and board are $300; tuition only is $200. Registration deadline is July 30.

For more information, call 404/687-4577, fax 404/687-4591, email LayInstitute@CTSnet.edu, or visit Columbia's web site at www.CTSnet.edu. □

Worship and music events set

"LET EVERYTHING THAT breathes praise the Lord!" God's people have sung praises throughout history, as the psalmist did. This fall and winter, two continuing education events focusing on music offer opportunities to worship, learn, and enjoy.

Hear the gospel in fresh new ways during "Jazz as Liturgy for the Church." Dwight Andrews, professor of music theory at Emory University and senior minister at First Congregational Church, Atlanta, will lecture and present jazz vespers on Tuesday, October 23, at 5:00 p.m.

Andrews, a graduate of Yale University, has made his mark in music and as pastor of a large African American church. Andrews serves as music director for August Wilson's plays, including the Broadway productions of Joe Turner's *Come and Gone* and Ma Rainey's *Black Bottom*.

Following the lecture and supper, participants will join in jazz vespers. This event offers an opportunity to learn and grow in understanding of this unique American music and to worship with the psalmist, who said, "Praise God with trumpet sound, with strings and pipe."

A second music event, centered on Mozart, is planned for March 5, at 5:00 p.m. Sue Mitchell-Wallace, choir director and organist at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody, Georgia, will lecture on "Mozart as Liturgy for the Church." Mitchell-Wallace is national councillor for education of the American Guild of Organists. At 7:30 p.m., Mitchell-Wallace will conduct St. Luke's 50-voice choir in Mozart's *Solemn Vespers* and *Coronation Mass*.

Due to limited space, registration for the jazz event will be on a first come, first served basis. For more information or to register, call 404/687-4562, or email ConEd@CTSnet.edu. □

January Seminars 2002 examines ministry and mission

MARK YOUR CALENDARS now for a wonderful mid-winter continuing education event to be held January 28-31, 2002. Planned to help the church think about ministry and mission in the twenty-first century, Columbia's annual January Seminars feature Tom Long, Dennis McCann, Brian Wren, and Walter Brueggemann. Preachers are Laura Mendenhall, Marcia Riggs, Elizabeth Mitchell Clement, and Catherine Taylor; the liturgist is Anna Carter Florence. Wren, Brueggemann, Mendenhall, Riggs, and Florence are members of Columbia's faculty.

McCann is Wallace M. Alston Professor of Bible and Religion at Agnes Scott College and executive director of the Society of Christian Ethics. His seminar is "Ethics and the Twenty-First Century: Globalization and Personal Responsibility."

Long, well known as a teacher of preachers, will focus on Lenten and Easter themes in his seminar, "Preaching the Story of Suffering Love." He is Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Wren will examine hymnody and ways to recover a deeper sense of worship in his seminar, "Fresh Dimensions of Worship and Song."

Brueggemann's "Reading Again from the Ground Up" will concentrate on narratives of Israel's faith found in the Pentateuch.

President Mendenhall was pastor and head of staff at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. Riggs, an ordained African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church minister, is associate professor of Christian ethics. Clement is associate director of Atlanta's Faith and the City program. Taylor '92 is pastor of Church of the New Covenant in Doraville, Georgia. Florence is assistant professor of preaching and worship.

Cost is $65 per day or $225 for the week. To register or for more information, call 404/687-4562, email ConEd@CTSnet.edu, or visit www.CTSnet.edu. □

Frank L. Arnold (D.Min.'84) and Calvin W. Kropp '62 (Th.M '67, S.T.D. '85)

Representing a total of 86 years of service, four members the Columbia community were honored by President Mendenhall at the faculty/staff luncheon in May. Charles Cousar '58 (top), Cartledge Professor of New Testament, joined the faculty in 1960. (L-r), George Stroup, Green Professor of Theology, Diane Thorne, gift records coordinator in the Development Office, and Walter Brueggemann, McPheeters Professor of Old Testament, arrived in 1986.

Distinguished Service Awards presented to Columbia alumni

AT ITS ANNUAL Alumni/ae Association meeting in April, Columbia presented its Distinguished Service Award to Frank L. Arnold '84 (D.Min.) and Calvin W. Kropp '62 (Th.M '67, S.T.D. '85). These awards are presented to two Columbia graduates who have shown outstanding Christian service in ministry throughout their lives.

For 33 years, Frank Arnold served as a Presbyterian missionary in Brazil. Before going to the mission field, he was pastor of the Ashburn, Virginia, Presbyterian Church and a volunteer prison chaplain.

In Brazil, he served as a technical advisor, an organizing pastor in the Presbytery of the Amazon, and director for organizing churches in Ceará Presbytery. He taught church history, church growth, and missions at Fortaleza Theological Seminary, was chair of the Executive Committee of the Brazil Mission, staff associate for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Presbyterian Church (US), and field secretary for Brazil for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In retirement, Arnold is serving as parish associate of Clairmont Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia, and as a member of the Association of Presbyterians for Cross Cultural Mission.

Calvin W. Kropp was instrumental in the building of a new counseling center for the Georgia Association for Pastoral Care (GAPC), where he served as business manager, clinical director, and interim executive director. As director of pastoral counseling training for GAPC, he has been a regional and national leader in the field of pastoral counseling and has trained pastoral counselors from around the globe. In 1995, under his leadership, GAPC received the American Association of Pastoral Counselors' Distinguished Program Leadership Award.

A former chaplain at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Kropp served as pastor of Forest Park Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. A diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, he is the author of articles in *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry* and *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*. ☐

Fall D.Min. courses announced

A NEW BIBLE elective course, "Relinquishing and Receiving: A Study in Jeremiah," taught by Walter Brueggemann is the initial offering of an experimental fall term option scheduled October 22-November 2. The course is open to currently enrolled Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) students. For entering D.Min. students, this year's required seminar on ministry is "The Church Reaching out in Mission: Biblical, Theological, and Contemporary Foundations." That class meets in four monthly sessions, September through December.

"The Jeremiah course will trace the ways in which that ancient community of faith faced the loss of its known world and found amidst the loss grounds for hope," says Brueggemann, McPheeters Professor of Old Testament. "We will keep one eye on the contemporary reality that we are losing the 'world' we have long trusted and watch for new grounds for hope in that loss."

Previous D.Min. courses have been scheduled only during the January term and the summer. Charles Raynal, director of advanced studies and associate professor of theology, says, "This new fall option makes Walter Brueggemann, a very popular professor, more available to D.Min. students. It also provides opportunities for more interaction with other faculty members while Columbia is running at full tilt." Raynal adds, "We hope this time frame proves convenient for pastors, coming as it does after stewardship season and before Thanksgiving and Advent."

The introductory required course, "The Church Reaching out in Mission," is taught jointly with Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), with every session featuring faculty members from each institution. Course leaders are Stephen Racer of ITC and Raynal, who says, "Partnership with ITC is important for this flagship course because we unite an ethnically diverse group of students and faculty from both seminaries."

The September and October classes will be held at Columbia; the November and December classes at ITC. Topics include Christian perspectives on family; witnessing faith in a pluralistic world; tasks and forms of ministry in a post-modern age; and spirituality for pastors.

Columbia D.Min. students who wish to register for the Bible elective course may call 404/687-4576; fax 404/377-9696; or email SaboL@CTSnet.edu. To apply for admission to the D.Min. program, or for other questions, call 404/687-4534, email MedfordM@CTSnet.edu, or visit www.CTSnet.edu. ☐ *Laura Bordeaux*

PW Bible study: Explore Esther's story this summer

COME DISCOVER RICHNESS, irony, comedy, and ethical satisfactions in the story of Esther through the course "Esther's Feast: A Study of the Book of Esther," offered four times this summer on the seminary campus. Patricia Tull, associate professor of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, is author of the study and one of the three instructors. "Esther's Feast" will be used in Presbyterian Women's circles in the coming year.

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For the Record

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Laura Mendenhall, president, attended the Committee on Theological Education meeting in San Francisco, was keynote speaker at the Sequoyah Hills church, Knoxville, TN, and at Presbyterian Women's Night Out, First church, Marietta, GA. She moderated the meeting of the Presbyterian Judicial Council, Orlando, FL, and preached at Central, First, Peachtree, and Trinity churches, Atlanta; First (Scots), Charleston; First church, Nashville, TN; Vanderbilt church, Naples, FL; the Collegiate Conference 2001, Montreat, NC; and at General Assembly in Louisville, KY. She spoke at the Flint River Presbytery meeting, Valdosta, GA, and to Florida Presbytery in Tallahassee.....**Tom Watkins '94** is pastor of Covenant church, Wendell, NC.....**Albert Masters '76** (DMin '91) received a study grant from the Louisville Institute for his project, "Reconnecting the Mainline Church and Young Adults in a Postmodern Context."....**Darrell Guder**, professor of evangelism and church growth, has received the Book of the Year award from the Academy of Parish Clergy for his book, *The Continuing Conversion of the Church*. He received a Louisville Institute grant award for *Toward Missional Presbyteries*. Guder preached for mission season, Reid Memorial church, Augusta, GA; at First churches, Colorado Springs, Gallatin and Hendersonville, TN. He spoke at the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Graduate and Faculty Ministries annual staff conference, Mundelheim, IL. Guder was a worship leader for workshops at Coastal Carolina Presbytery and for commissioned lay preachers, Flint River Presbytery. He was the Brady Lecturer, North American Baptist Seminary.

John Leith '43 has published *Pilgrimage of a Presbyterian: Collected Shorter Writings*, co-edited by **Charles Raynal**, director of advanced studies and associate professor of theology. ....**Ashley Seaman '01** is serving on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, the Programme Committee, and the Commission for International Affairs. She helped conduct the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Summit at the Interdenominational Theological Center and delivered a paper on Reformed Church polity to Pope John Paul II.....Wade **Huie '46**, professor emeritus, preached at First church, Nashville, TN; Eastminster church, Stone Mountain, GA; and at Second church, Little Rock, AR. He led a workshop for lay preachers of East Tennessee Presbytery and led Doctor of Ministry students in preaching at Columbia.....**Stephen Haynes '88**, associate professor of religious studies at Rhodes College, received the Clarence Day Award for Outstanding Teaching at the Rhodes' awards convocation.....**Martha Jane Petersen** (DMin '87, ThM '91) is stated supply at Siloam church, Old Fort, NC, and honorably retired from Atlanta Presbytery.....**Ronald Cram**, associate professor of Christian education, lectured on inter-religious dialogue for the Aquinas Institute; led the Presbytery of Atlanta educators on "Children of Different Faiths in the Christian Preschool"; attended the Inter-Faith Network meeting in New York, led the Religious Education Association's annual board meeting and the session's discussion on preschool religious education at Trinity church, Columbia, SC. He has published four articles in *Journal of Liberal Religion, Religious Education, Journal of Supervision and Training* and a book review.....**Eunice Yang '00** is associate pastor of the Latrobe, PA, church.....**Robert Gamble** (DMin '82) has an article, "On the Beach," in *Double Take* and *The Other Side*.

Kathleen O'Connor, professor of Old Testament, gave the keynote address for the Spirituality for Mission conference; spoke to a Bible study group at the Church of Christ, Tucker, GA; responded to a paper at the Old Testament Colloquium, Conception Abbey, MO; and served on the selection committee for the Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton, NJ. ....**Ed Pettus '89** (DMin '99) is pastor of the Princeton, WV, church.....**Doug Mar '94** and **Jennifer McGee '98** were married March 31 in Melbourne, FL. ....**Cameron Murchison**, professor of ministry, led programs on "The Mission of the Church in North America," "Worship in the Presbyterian Family," and "Presbyterian Diversity," at Emory church, Atlanta; taught the Brotherhood Class at Central church, Atlanta; and led an officers' retreat for Independent church, Birmingham, AL. ....**Mitchell Walker** (DMin '96) is pastor of Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian, Huntsville, AL.....**Chuck Campbell**, associate professor of homiletics, preached and led worship each Wednesday in the front yard of the Open Door Community; led a workshop for Methodist pastors and delivered the Steel Hendrix Lecture at Hendrix College. He gave the Foote lectures at First church, Savannah, GA, and led two workshops and taught a course at the biennial congress of the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education, Chicago.....**Sherry Edwards '00** is pastor of Midway Community Parish, Gilby, ND..... **Don Brown '01** is on the Board of Directors of The Pilgrims of Ibillin, a group of U.S. supporters of Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Israel..... **Harry Petersen '58** is stated supply of Walnut and Dorland Memorial church in Western North Carolina Presbytery.....**Phil Gehman '68**, dean of students and vice president for student life, attended a meeting of Deans of Students, PC(USA) theological institutions; served on the leadership team for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies' Committee on Ministry/ Committee on Preparation for Ministry Conference; participated in Maryville College's Exploratory Summit on "Preparing Thinking Christians for Leadership in the Twenty-First Century"; and as chair, made the final report of the Entrance into Pastoral Ministry Work Group to the 213th PC(USA) General Assembly.....**John Gleason** (DMin '87) is director of the eastern region for the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.....**Michael Carey '86** (ThM '94) has written "Becoming Purpose-Driven Presbyterians," published in the May issue of *Net Results*..... **C. Benton Kline**, president emeritus and adjunct professor of theology, taught a series of classes in Atlanta churches: "God's Will and Our Will," Northwest church, "John Calvin and Geneva," Trinity church; "Eighth Century Prophets," North Avenue church. He preached at the North Decatur church.....**Jim Watkins '71** (DMin '77), director of Faith and the City Project, preached and taught at the Shannon church, Charlotte, NC, and was elected to the governing body of Common Cause.....**Bob Pettit '62** received the Salvation Army's highest award in recognition for his work with that organization from 1966 to 1999.

Rodger Nishioka, associate professor of Christian education, preached at the annual missions conferences at St. Simon's Island church and Covenant church, Albany, GA. He led a consultation with the staff of Idlewild church, Memphis, TN, and was keynote speaker for a youth leader spirituality retreat, North Georgia Presbytery, and a church redevelopment conference, Synod of Lakes and Prairies. He delivered a Lenten lecture series for First church, McKinney, TX, and preached and keynoted an Eastminster Presbytery event. Nishioka has a chapter in *Starting Right — Thinking Theologically about Youth Ministry*, a textbook for youth ministry undergraduate students..... **Robert Dendy '57** has retired from the Seneca, SC, church. He served as chaplain on the Nordam Holland America for a Carribean cruise.....**Joe Hinds '99** is pastor of the Pelzer, SC, church.....**Jake Marshall '93** is interim pastor, BelAir church, Augusta, GA..... **Brian Wren**, professor of worship, taught adult church school sessions on "Worship, Music, and the Life of Faith," Trinity church, Atlanta; delivered the second annual Blackard Lecture, Brevard College; held a consultation on worship space and arts, Eastminster church, Simpsonville, SC; and led a workshop and gave a lecture at the Canada Hymn Society in the US and Canada meeting in Toronto..... **Thomas Atkins '77** is Navy chaplain for the Seabees operating in the Pacific and Europe.....**Anna Carter Florence**, assistant professor of preaching and worship, preached at the "That All May Freely Serve" national conference, North Decatur, GA, church, and the More Light Presbyterians National Conference, Austin, TX. She preached and lectured for the Montreat Preaching and Bible Conference and preached for the Montreat West Youth Conference, Fort Collins, CO..... **William Kelly '80** is pastor of Upper Octorara church, Parkesburg, PA..... **Susannah Hager '99** and **John Cook '99** were married March 3 in Oklahoma City.....**Kevin Conley '98** is pastor of Covenant church, Winston-Salem, NC.

Beth Johnson, professor of New Testament, preached at Cherokee Presbytery's Presbyterian Women annual meeting and attended a meeting of the Presbyteries' Cooperative

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BIRTHS

To Sam '92 and Kathryn McGregor, a son, James Mitchell, Mar. 5, 2001.
To David '95 and Robin Palmer '96, a daughter, Leslie Hamilton, Dec. 6, 2000.
To Anna '99 and Bryan McArthur, a daughter, Caroline Hinton, Jan. 19, 2001.
To Blaine '01 and Laura Hill, a son, John, Apr. 23, 2001.
To Mark '01 and Ashley '01 Wright, a son, Eliott John, Mar. 19, 2001.
To Art '02 and Carolyn Robin, a daughter, Isabela Christiane, Apr. 30, 2001.
To Richard, vice president for development and seminary relations, and Jeannie DuBose, a son, William Manning, Mar. 25, 2001.
To Angus, director of development services, and Lisa McQueen, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, Mar. 6, 2001.

DEATHS

John Dickson '34, Mar. 24, 2001.
Clyde Pratt '43, Nov. 28, 2000.
William Hatcher '53, Oct. 18, 2000.
William McNeill '55, Mar. 9, 2001.

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Committee at First Presbyterian, Atlanta.....**Sweetie Francis '00** is chaplain at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, Wilmington, NC.....**David Dault** (MATS '02) presented "The Fatherland and the Mother Tongue: Martin Heidegger and the Rhetoric of Silence" to a colloquium at Emory University and led a course on sacramentality in the Quaker tradition at Friends General Conference in Virginia.....**Beth Hoskins '91** is pastor of First church, Woodruff, SC.....**Stan Wood**, director of the Center of New Church Development, organized and hosted the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic New Church Development Pastor/Spouse retreat and hosted the Korean Lilly grant meeting in Las Vegas. He taught at the Cartersville, GA, church. He attended the National Church Growth Prayer Covenant Group meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, the meeting of the Worldwide Ministries and American Society of Missiology, and arranged and attended the Lilly Grant Steering Committee meeting in San Francisco. He assisted in the Commissioned Lay Pastors graduation and led the Executive Committee, Commissioned Lay Pastors training meeting, Glendale, CA.....**Susie (Johnson) Cashion '94** is pastor of First church, Lawton, OK. She preached the baccalaureate sermon for her daughter's graduation from Eckerd College in May.....**Mark Douglas**, assistant professor of Christian ethics, preached at the Dorchester church, Charleston, SC, and taught a class on theology and sexuality for Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery. He joined a panel of academics, jurists, and politicians who will monitor the application of the death penalty in Georgia.....**Stephen Robertson '95** is pastor of Eastminster church, East Lansing, MI.....**ChangBok Chung** (ThM '74), director of the Center for Church Communication at the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary in Korea, has written *The Dictionary of Christian Worship*.....**Steve Rhodes '82** is pastor of Second church, Spartanburg, SC.

Bill Harkins, assistant professor of pastoral care and theology, received the Ph.D. with honors from Vanderbilt University and was ordained by the Episcopal diocese of Atlanta. He is associate pastor of St. James Episcopal church, Marietta. Harkins was a panel moderator at the American Association of Pastoral Counselors national convention and the State Association of Pastoral Counselors and spoke on developmental challenges of entering high school at Westminster Schools, Atlanta.....**Rick Baggett '84** (DMin '99) is pastor of First church, Anderson, SC.....**Ho Chin '88** is pastor of the Richmond, VA, Korean church.....**Patrick Perryman '97** is associate pastor, First church, Gastonia, NC.....**Walter Brueggemann**, professor of Old Testament, published articles in *Christian Century, Post Modern Interpretation of the Bible, Calvin Theological Journal, Tikkun, Union Seminary Quarterly Review, God Who Creates*, and *Jews, Christians, and the Theology of Hebrew Scriptures*. He lectured at Bangor Seminary, Temple Beth Israel in Fresno, Trevecca Nazarene University, Wake Forest Divinity School, Agnes Scott College, Bethany College, and gave the Stone Lectures at Princeton Seminary. He preached at the Roswell, GA, church; Memorial church, St. Augustine; Trinity church, Charlotte; and St. Charles Avenue church, New Orleans. ....**Ok-Kee Kim '99** is pastor of the Lexington, KY, Korean church..... **Todd Collier** (DMin '00) is pastor of the Brentwood Trail church, Dallas, TX. ....**Shirley Guthrie**, professor emeritus, preached and taught in churches in Jacksonville, FL; Philadelphia, PA; Mayfield, KY; Perkins, SC; and Cleveland, OH. He lectured for the Board of the General Assembly Council, taught church school at Trinity church, Atlanta, and served as a consultant for Princeton's Center for Theological Inquiry's Pastor-Theology Program in Portland, OR.....**Lori Pistor '92** and Terry Allebaugh were married in June in Durham, NC.....**Pamela King '85** is organizing pastor of the Wakulla, FL, church.....**Ernestine Cole**, associate dean of students, attended the planning team meeting for Presbyterian Women Montreat 2002; served as the Women's Day preacher, Hillside church, Decatur, GA; conducted a Health Ministries consultation for Austin Seminary; and attended the Advice and Counsel meeting of the Advisory Committee of Women's Concerns Group and represented that group at the General Assembly.....**Pemberton Cooley '88** is associate pastor, Woods Memorial church, Severna Park, MD. ....**Charles Cousar**, professor of New Testament, taught a class at Northwest church, Atlanta; gave the Bible Hour at the Princeton Theological Seminary Institute of Theology, and published *Reading Galatians, Philippians, and I Thessalonians: A Literary and Theological Commentary* in the "Reading the New Testament" series.....**Stuart Wilson '78** is pastor of First church, Selma, AL..... **John Patton**, professor of pastoral theology, was a principal speaker at the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education annual conference, Vail, CO. His title was "The Evolving Nature of Pastoral Supervision."..... **John Hall '79** is pastor of Oak Hill, Horeb, Bethel, Moriah, and Sardis Welsh churches, Oak Hill, OH.

Christine Roy Yoder, assistant professor of Old Testament, has published *Wisdom as a Woman of Substance: A Socioeconomic Reading of Proverbs 1-9 and 31:10-31* and written a chapter in *New Proclamation, 2001-2002, Year A, Advent through Holy Week*. She attended the annual Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion meeting, Charlotte, and taught at the North Decatur church and St. Martin's Episcopal church, Atlanta.....**Richard Lawther** (DMin '01) is pastor of First church, Fairgrove, PA.....**Tommy Brown**, professor emeritus, has written *Face to Face: Meditations on the Life*
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Read Award to Columbia grad

Foster Connors '01

ANDREW FOSTER CONNORS '01 has been awarded the prestigious David H.C. Read Preacher/Scholar Award for 2001. The $10,000 award is given by Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, and recognizes and encourages excellence among graduating seminary students who show promise of special distinction. Andrew Foster Connors was nominated by Columbia professors Anna Carter Florence, preaching and worship, and Christine Roy Yoder, Old Testament.

The award, named after Read, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church for 33 years, is intended for preacher/scholars who are committed to the parish pulpit. Faculty members from 21 seminaries representing seven denominations across the United States and Canada nominated 29 candidates. Students are judged on the basis of their seminary record, biographical statement, recommendations of two professors, sermons on Old Testament and New Testament texts, and brief exegetical papers in support of each sermon.

Andrew Foster Conners' Old Testament sermon, based on Daniel 1:1-17, was "You Are What You Eat." His New Testament topic was taken from Mark 6:7-13 and touched on themes of hospitality. His sermon title was "The Dirty Work of Discipleship." He is an associate pastor at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Professor Florence said, "Andrew is one of the finest preachers —not student preachers, preachers— I have ever heard. He is the kind of student for which a preaching professor hopes. His knowledge of and love for the church are deep."

Foster Connors is the second Columbia student to receive the Read award in its 11-year history. In 1995, Timothy Slemmons '95 (ThM '99) received this ecumenical honor. ☐

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Everlasting.....**Ashley Beaty '98** and John Perry were married December 26 in Indiana.....**Sharon Mook**, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, attended the Georgia Association for Pastoral Counseling program and meetings of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and Society for Pastoral Theology. She is teaching clinical pastoral education didactics at Northside hospital, Atlanta, and is a member of the Clergy Task Force for the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault. She preached at St. Thomas Indian Orthodox church, Atlanta..... **Denise Hall** (DMin '93) is acting stated clerk, West Virginia Presbytery..... **Daniel McMillan '84** is pastor of the Rockmart, GA, church.....Ann **Clay Adams**, director of admissions, preached for Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, First church, Somerset, KY; led a workshop at the Montreat Collegiate Conference; and, as senior friend to the Presbyterian Student Strategy Team, preached and provided leadership at the first Presbyterian Collegiate Caucus held prior to General Assembly.....**Ernest Thompson III** (DMin '95) is pastor of First church, Wilmington, NC. □

Brian Wren was inaugurated as the first holder of the Conant Chair of Worship during the March meeting of Columbia's Board of Trustees. The chair, funded with gifts from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, was established in honor of Miriam and John Conant, pictured here with Professor Wren.

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